

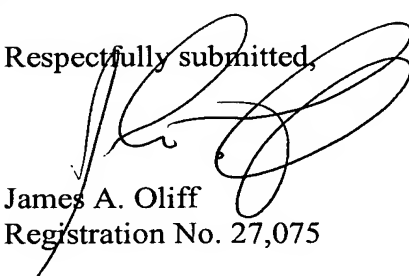
invention defined in a claim in the patent. Although these requirements have not been met in the outstanding Office Action, a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(b) and (c) is filed concurrently herewith (copy enclosed). Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 15 and 16 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-14 and 17-28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, as a Terminal Disclaimer has been submitted thereby removing the bases of the rejection of independent claims 1 and 15, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-28 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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